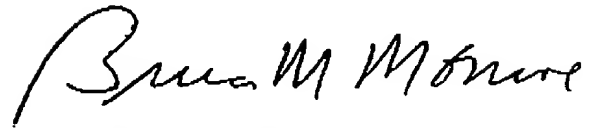


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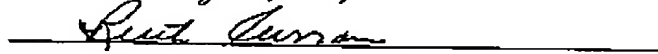
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Claims 1 to 15 have been cancelled.

Claims 16 to 33 are newly added.